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Group Art Unit: 1713
Attention: Examiner Rip A. Lee

RE: U.S. Patent Appln. S.N.: 09/700,171
By: **Hirokazu IGUCHI et al.**
Attorney Docket No. 001478

FROM: Kenneth H. Salen

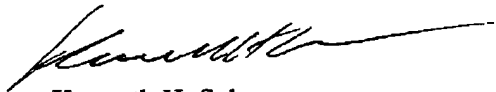
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Attached is a copy of the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 that was filed on October 30, 2002, per our phone conversation.

Respectfully,



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Hirokazu IGUCHI et al

Group Art Unit: 1713

Serial Number: 09/700,171

Examiner: Rip A. Lee

Filed: November 13, 2000.

For: VINYL CHLORIDE RESIN COMPOSITION AND MOLDED ARTICLES
MADE THEREOF

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Yasushi Nakanishi, duly declare and say as follows:

1. I graduated from Department of Macromolecular Science,
Faculty of Science, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan, in the year 1992.

2. I have been employed since 1992 by KANEKA
CORPORATION.

3. I have read and am familiar with the application and the
Office Action thereto mailed July 30, 2002.

5. I made experiments in order to compare the reduced
viscosity values η_{sp}/c measured in the concentrations of 0.1 g/dl and
0.2 g/dl.

A graft copolymer prepared from 40 parts by weight of methyl
methacrylate, 10 parts by weight of butyl acrylate and 50 parts by weight
of a crosslinked polybutyl acrylate was immersed in methyl ethyl ketone
for 24 hours. The soluble portion was separated by centrifugation,

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purified by reprecipitation from methanol and dried. The thus obtained methyl ethyl ketone-soluble portion of the graft copolymer was dissolved in acetone in concentrations of 0.1 g/dl and 0.2 g/dl. The reduced viscosity of the solutions was measured at 30°C. The results are shown below.

	Measuring concentration	
	0.2 g/dl	0.1 g/dl
Reduced viscosity $\mu\text{sp}/\text{c}$ (acetone solution at 30°C)	6.3	4.9

6. The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

This 24th day of October

by Yasushi Nakanishi
Yasushi Nakanishi

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We, the undersigned witnesses, hereby acknowledge that Yasushi Nakanishi is personally known to us and did execute the foregoing Declaration in our presence on:

Date: 24.10.2002

Witness

Kazuhiko Hora

Date: 24.10.2002

Witness

Shuji Takase